

INSTRUCTIONHomework**A. Generally**

Homework shall be an integral part of the total learning process within the classroom. Teachers shall make homework a part of their overall instructional planning and shall differentiate between classwork, which requires teacher guidance or supervision, and homework, which should be done outside of class time. On the elementary level, homework will not be "new" work, rather a practice or extension of what was covered in class. However, on the middle and high school levels, the student will gradually meet more open-ended homework assignments which require an inquiry, application, or research approach.

B. Criteria

Homework shall be assigned in such a manner that it:

1. Serves a valid purpose instructionally.
2. Is clearly understood by the student.
3. Is of reasonable length in terms of a student's available time, ability, individual differences, and materials.
4. Shall be evaluated properly and consistently with proper recognition being given for a student's efforts.
5. Shall not be used as punishment.

C. Suggested Time Allotments

The student must develop the responsibility for completing homework assignments. The following time allotment suggestions are designed to assist the student in systematically developing good study habits. The individual student must assume increasing responsibility for organizing his/her time as he/she progresses through the grades. Yet, the time, or amount, of homework should be secondary to the quality of the assignment.

1. Grades K-4

- a) Homework assignments for primary students frequently will be informal in nature.
- b) Grades 1-3: Approximately 20 minutes for written work once or twice per week.

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- c) Grade 4: Approximately 20-40 minutes for written work two to three times per week.

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- a) Homework for middle school students should reflect the increasing maturity of these students.
- b) Grades 5 and 6: Approximately 45 minutes to one hour total per night, four times a week.
- c) Grade 7: Approximately 15 minutes per subject for one hour to two hours total per night.
- d) Grade 8: Approximately 20 minutes per subject for one hour and a half to two hours total per night.

3. Grades 9-12

- a) Homework assignments for secondary students will be more formal in nature than that in the lower grades.
- b) The suggested total time allotment for homework at these grade levels is approximately two to three and a half hours per night.
- c) Upper level and advanced placement classes should have nightly assignments

D. Monitoring

In accordance with the above regulations, teachers will include homework assignments in their lesson plan books. Each principal shall include the above regulations in the school's teacher and/or student handbooks. Principals shall monitor the assignment of homework. At home, parents should create the proper atmosphere and encouragement for homework.

Editor's Note

See also school board policy #6-41.

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